

a dish rack base having a comb-shaped retaining configuration with prongs as integral dish rack components;

at least part of said comb-shaped retaining configuration pivotable between different pivot positions; and

some of said prongs having angled ends directed toward said dish-rack base.

Claim 2 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 1, wherein said comb-shaped retaining configuration is pivotable into a horizontal position, a vertical position, and oblique positions different from said horizontal position and said vertical position.

Claim 3 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 2, wherein said angled ends form a set-down surface for hollow dishes when said comb-shaped retaining configuration is pivoted into at least one of said oblique positions.

Claim 4 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 2, wherein said angled ends form a set-down surface when said comb-shaped retaining configuration is pivoted into an oblique position half-way between said horizontal position and said vertical position.

Claim 5 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 2, wherein said angled ends form stops for retaining hollow dishes in said horizontal position.

Claim 6 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 2, wherein said angled ends form stops for retaining hollow dishes in at least one of said oblique positions.

Claim 11 (amended). In a household dishwasher, a dish rack for accommodating dishes, the dish rack comprising:

a dish rack base having a comb-shaped retaining configuration with prongs as integral dish rack components;

at least part of said comb-shaped retaining configuration pivotable between different pivot positions; and

some of said prongs having angled ends directed toward said dish-rack base.

Claim 15. A dish rack for accommodating dishes, comprising:

a rack structure having at least one comb-shaped retainer;

said at least one comb-shaped retainer having a base wire and prongs as integral dish rack components attached to and extending from said base wire for securing dishware;

said prongs having a free end at a distance from said base wire and an end adjacent said base wire;

said at least one comb-shaped retainer pivotable between different pivot positions; and

some of said prongs having an angled end at said end adjacent said base wire.

Claim 17 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 16, wherein said at least one comb-shaped retainer is pivotable into a horizontal position, a vertical position, and oblique positions different from said horizontal position and said vertical position.

Claim 18 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 17, wherein said angled end forms a set-down surface for hollow dishes when said comb-shaped retainer is pivoted into at least one of said oblique positions.

Cancel claims 10 and 21.